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Dear New Hampshire Fire Service:

As I sit and write this letter I reflect on the last six years, when I made the transition from being a municipal fire officer to Director of our State's fire training. I can't help but realize how fortunate we are to be in the position we are now, after many years of trying to attain funding, a fire academy, and attempting to get the status the fire service deserves in the hierarchy of government.

I remember very vividly the attempts to seek approval for the building of a fire academy for the New Hampshire Fire Service as long ago as 1975 when I first started in this profession. I even remember having a bumper sticker that stated "New Hampshire State Fire Academy support it." It is certainly a dream come true, and we are now seeking the benefits of having such a state-of-the-art facility!

With a nice facility it is also necessary to assure that appropriate funding be in place to assure that the bills can be paid, that the facility can actually operate in the manner it should, and that we have the resources to assure those who cannot make the trek to the Academy are not forgotten by offering programs in the field. This came true with the passing of House Bill 303 during the 2001 legislative session. We have increased our service to our customers, and it will only be enhanced as the years go by!

There were many fire service members who questioned the move to the Department of Safety, at Commissioner Flynn's invitation, in 1989. It is intensely clear that the New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission made the right choice! Thanks to all!

For a change: KUDOS TO US! Have a great summer,

Sincerely,

Rick Mason

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Thurs. of each month (except July-August)	NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting, 10:00 a.m.	NHFA
2nd Thurs. of each month	Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; preregistration required by 1st of month	NHFA
3rd Weds. of each month	Train-the-Trainers (watch for listings)	NHFA

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

July 10	Hot Topics in EMS Public Law	NHFA
July 27	Critical Awareness Resource Education 2002	Colebrook
August 22	Critical Awareness Resource Education 2002	Laconia
September 26	Critical Awareness Resource Education 2002	Nashua
October 17	Critical Awareness Resource Education 2002	Conway
October 17-26	North Country EMS Conference, Bear Peak at Attitash	Bartlett
November 2	Seacoast EMS Fall Conference	Durham
November 23	Critical Awareness Resource Education 2002	Littleton
December 14	Critical Awareness Resource Education 2002	Plymouth

FIRE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMS:

November 2002	Fire Service Instructor I	NHFA
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FIRE OFFICER PROGRAMS:

October 7-November 8	Fire Officer I & II	NHFA
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FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS:

August 5-16	Certified Career Firefighter	NHFA
Sept. 24, 2002-March 3, 2003	Firefighter I	NHFA
October 1-December 19	Firefighter II	NHFA

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAMS: Watch for future listings

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING: Watch for future listings

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS:

September 21-22	Command and Control of Wildland/Urban Fire Operations for Structural Fire Chief Officers (CCWUFSCO)	NHFA
	— NFA Direct Delivery	

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:

To Be Announced	NAPD Driver Operator All Vehicles	NHFA
July 14-20	Rescue Systems I	NHFA
August 18-24	Rescue Systems I	NHFA
September 15-21	Rescue Systems II — NEW PROGRAM !!!! Prerequisite: Rescue Systems I	NHFA

TERRORISM PROGRAMS: Watch for future listings

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAMS: Watch for future listings

**New Hampshire Department
of Safety, Division of Fire Standards
and Training - Bureau of EMS &
The NH Hospital Association**

Presents

HOT TOPICS IN EMS PUBLIC LAW

with Doug Wolfberg, Esquire
Page, Wolfberg & Wirth

*An overview of Ambulance Restocking,
the Ambulance Fee Schedule, and
HIPAA issues of interest to EMS in NH*

Mark Your Calendar

July 10, 2002 • TIMES TBA

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1-888-837-5367

**New Hampshire Department
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David Dow

***Relocated from Manchester to Wilton as of June 3, 2002**

**CHANGE IN MEETING TIME AND DAY FOR
NH FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION**

The NH Fire Standards & Training Commission voted at the April 3, 2002 meeting to change its meeting time and day. Starting in September 2002, the regularly scheduled Commission meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Therefore, the schedule for Fiscal Year 2003 is:

July 2002-no meeting	October 3, 2002	January 2, 2003	April 3, 2003
August 2002-no meeting	November 7, 2002	February 6, 2003	May 1, 2003
September 5, 2002	December 5, 2002	March 6, 2003	June 5, 2003

The meeting location has not changed; meetings are held in Conference Room 2 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 222 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH. Meetings are open to the public.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has been engaged in a strategic planning process for over 18 months. The State's EMS Medical Control Board and the EMS & Trauma Services Coordinating Board served as the core members of the planning group and worked closely throughout the process with the Bureau staff. A plan, including six key goal areas of focus and staff re-organization, have been approved by the Department of Safety:

Vision Statement

To be a model of excellence in the delivery of Emergency Medical Services.

Mission Statement

To continuously improve our comprehensive state-wide EMS System in order to ensure excellence of out of hospital emergency medical care to all the persons within the State of New Hampshire.

Guiding Principles

- We are committed to the highest standards of care possible for the sick and injured.
- We are committed to scientifically and technically sound, data driven and cost efficient care.
- We are committed to providing care regardless of demographics or geographical location.
- We are committed to the highest quality standards and protocols for EMS Providers.
- We are committed to relevant quality education and we encourage the advancement of educational skills throughout the state.
- We are committed to an open dialogue with the EMS community.
- We seek out collaborative relationships with other organizations committed to the health and safety of the public.
- We are committed to the prevention of injury and illness.

- We embrace the value of volunteerism throughout the EMS System.
- We will maintain organizational flexibility to meet the changing needs of the future.

Key Goal Areas

EMS System Evaluation - Research capabilities for the purposes of prioritization of resource utilization, policy determination, technology assessment and performance improvement.

EMS Education - A progressive educational program that is affordable, accessible and effective.

EMS Network Development - Projects with community organizations that advance the health and safety of the public.

EMS System Coordination - Coordination of Public and Private, Career and Volunteer, Community and Hospital EMS.

EMS Customer Satisfaction - Customer satisfaction of the licensed provider.

EMS Performance Improvement - Performance Improvement culture throughout EMS.

With the move of EMS to a Bureau within the Division of Fire Standards and Training, the staff has been empowered to start the implementation process for this plan. In order to bring the plan to life, the staff re-organization needs to be in place. Today, we are busy working on the re-organization of the Bureau. The staff currently holds 14 full-time positions; at the end of this process, there will be 18 staff members at NH EMS. The sections of the Bureau will consist of Education, Field Services, Advanced Life Support, Trauma System, and Research. Each of these sections within the Bureau has one or more Goals from the plan and subsequent objectives assigned to staff positions.

For more information on the EMS Strategic Plan and the staff re-organization, contact Bureau Chief Sue Prentiss at (603) 271-4569.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM



The Granite State

News from NH Retirement System (NHRS)

Contact Information: NH Retirement System, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301
271-3351 or toll free 877-917-6477
Website: www.state.nh.us/retirement

Upcoming Information Sessions

Member information sessions for NHRS members in the North Country are scheduled at the Berlin Community Technical College:

Thursday, September 19, 2002 for NHRS members working for counties or municipalities

Group II - Firefighters and Police Officers, 3:30-5:00 pm

Group I - Employees and Teachers, 5:30-7:00 pm

Friday, September 20, 2002 for State employees

Group I - Employees and Teachers, 10:00-11:30 am

Group II - Police and Firefighters, 1:00-2:30 pm

The sessions offer an overview of NHRS benefits. In order to register, contact Theresa Savoy at:

tsavoy@nhrs.state.nh.us or call NHRS, extension 272

Prior Service Credit

A new law, effective July 9, 2002, will allow members to purchase prior withdrawn service in partial amounts. Previous law required members to purchase all or nothing.

House Bill 1302, now Chapter Law 140, allows members to purchase their prior withdrawn service in amounts of six months or more. To get a form to submit a request for a cost calculation, go to the NHRS website and look under Service Credit, or call Kathleen Emery at NHRS, extension 232.

ANNUAL NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

October 9, 2002

The New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit announces its Annual New Hampshire Fire Service Awards Program ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2002. The location of the ceremony will be announced later.

The Committee members are currently reviewing all the nominations submitted for the calendar year 2001.

This program was initiated in 1986, after the death of Concord Dispatcher Paul Sypek. In his estate, Paul left the original funding and designated a committee to carry out the plan for this recognition. The first annual award ceremony was held in 1987 and, since then, many New Hampshire fire service personnel have been given awards for their heroic actions.

There are many fire service personnel throughout the State who have performed courageous acts which should be recognized. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you submit nominations as soon as possible after an event occurs. Any events between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002 will be eligible for presentation at the October 2003 awards ceremony.

For information on how to submit a nomination, please contact: NH Fire Service Committee of Merit
Stacey DeVol, Secretary
10 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03305

If you have any questions about the program, please contact: Director Rick Mason at
1-800-371-4503 or 271-6099

STAFF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

With the addition of new full-time staff at the Division of Fire Standards & Training, the Fire Service News is again printing profiles of Division employees in each issue. This will assist you in putting a face with a name so you will know who you are talking to when you call in.



JEFFREY PHILLIPS - Captain

Jeffrey Phillips was recently hired as the Captain-Technology Trainer for the Division of Fire Standards & Training. He is responsible for all the computer equipment at the Fire Academy. He will also be an active member in running the ARFF simulator and the Class B building which are all computer based.

Jeff previously worked as Technical Support Specialist for the Department of Safety. He is certified Firefighter II, and is nationally registered EMT-Basic. He has been a member of the Goffstown Fire & Rescue since 1999.

Jeff was born in Manchester, NH, and graduated from Goffstown Area High School in 1995. He graduated from Keene State College with a degree in Technology Studies and a degree in Applied Computer Science. He is actively involved with the Goffstown Fire Explorer Post and the New Hampshire Fire Explorer Academy.

MICHELLE BAKER - Program Specialist I

Michelle Baker, Program Specialist I, joined the New Hampshire Bureau of EMS staff full-time in May of 2001. She came to EMS fresh out of the Health Management and Policy program at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) where she earned a Bachelor of Science, also in May of 2001. While studying at UNH, Michelle worked at the NH Office of Emergency Management and served at the Bureau of EMS as an intern.

She is responsible for maintaining the Pre-Hospital Care Records database as well as actively works with the two statewide hospital databases. Last fall Michelle took the role of providing staff support for the EMS and Public Health Roundtable.

Michelle grew up in Allentown with her parents and two brothers. On June 21, 2001, she married David Baker. The Bakers live in Allentown with their cat, Howard.



ANGELA SHELTON - Secretary II

Angela Shelton joined the staff at the NH Bureau of EMS in July of 2001 as a Secretary II primarily to the Concord office. Angela keeps busy managing the telephones and juggling numerous office duties that support staff efforts statewide. She travels weekly to the Field Offices in Wilton and Claremont to provide on-site clerical support.

Born in Georgia, Angela and her family have spent much of their lives in the Southern United States. She served her country as a member of the United States Army stationed in Montana, Virginia, and Kentucky.

In 1999 Angela and her two boys, Zachary (16) and Austin (6), moved to New Hampshire to be closer to her only sister. She worked at the Division of Motor Vehicle prior to joining the Bureau. Angela and her family live in Concord.

**WILLIAM H. "BILL" WOOD - EMS Coordinator**

Bill Wood has been involved in EMS, fire service, and public safety communications since 1970, beginning his career with the Durham Fire Department and Durham Ambulance Corps.

He joined the Bureau of EMS as a Regional Training Coordinator with the Seacoast EMS Region and has served in three of the five EMS Regions in New Hampshire. Positions held within the Bureau have included Regional Training Coordinator, Regional Coordinator, Advanced Life Support (ALS) Coordinator, and currently EMS Coordinator.

Present job responsibilities include serving as a resource contact and facilitator to local agencies, representing EMS on the NH Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission, serving as the Bureau's liaison to the NH EMS Medical Control Board and EMS Coordinating Board, and participating in the New England Council on EMS Mass Casualty Committee.

A charter member of the National Registry of EMT's, Bill is one of less than 12 individuals who have maintained current NREMT status since the inception of the Registry. He volunteers as a Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate with the Bow Fire/Rescue Department.

Bill resides in Bow with this wife and two children. Favorite activities include family outings and exploring historic New England.

LENNY DEANE - EMS Training Coordinator

Lenny Deane works in the Concord Office as a Training Coordinator for Central New Hampshire. Lenny joined the Bureau staff in August of 1998. He can be found coordinating National Registry exams at the Fire Academy and in the field, managing equipment purchases, and assisting EMT candidates with reciprocity issues.

Prior to coming to EMS, Lenny served the American Red Cross as Emergency Services Director for nine years. He has been a volunteer member of the Pittsfield Fire Department for 21 years, and presently holds the rank of Chief. Many nights and weekends, Lenny can be spotted riding the ambulance in Pittsfield as a volunteer EMT member.

Lenny, his wife of 18 years Bonnie, and their two boys reside in Pittsfield. Like his colleague, Licensing Coordinator Tammy Fortier, he has a mini zoo at his home including a horse, goats, rabbits, dogs, cats, a turtle, a guinea pig, mice, and a cockatiel!

**TAMMY FORTIER - EMS Licensing Coordinator**

As the Licensing Coordinator, you will find Tammy Fortier holds the most well-known position at the Bureau of EMS. From Nashua to Lebanon inspecting ambulances in the same day, as well as issuing licenses to a new group of EMT's, is an average day for Tammy. She joined the Bureau of EMS as the staff's Executive Secretary nine years ago. In 1999 she was promoted to her current post.

While working at the Bureau, Tammy became interested in EMS and took a local EMT training program. She became certified as a Nationally Registered EMT in 1999, and began volunteering at the Hopkinton Ambulance. Enjoying her work with the ambulance service, Tammy took an EMT-Intermediate Training Course and became certified in 2001. Today, she holds a Captain's position on the ambulance service.

Tammy and her husband Peter reside in Hopkinton and have six children, three grandchildren, and they run a mini zoo hosting fish, birds, and the trusted family dog!

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE ACADEMY AIRCRAFT FIRE FIGHTING FACILITY


The New Hampshire Fire Academy Aircraft Fire Fighting facility was recently constructed with a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. The \$8 million facility is capable of meeting the requirements of Index E Airport Fire Departments and includes:

1. 125' Fuel Spill Burn Area (FSBA)
2. Multi-function Special Aircraft Fire Trainer (SAFT)
3. Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicle
4. Control Tower and Classroom Building
5. Vehicle Maneuvering Area
6. Propane Fill Station

Construction of the site began in early November 2000 and continued through the winter months, until completion in January 2002.

The first regularly scheduled program was presented in April of 2002. Programs will include FAA required Airport Fire Fighting primary and recertification training, Aircraft Response for Structural Firefighters, and a myriad of other ARFF topics.

This facility was dedicated on May 14, 2002. In attendance were New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen, Congressmen Charlie Bass and John Sununu, Commissioner of Safety Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner of Transportation Carol A. Murray, Director of Aeronautics Jack Ferns, and Director of Fire Standards and Training Rick Mason. The event was attended by 300 people on a cold, wet day! We also received letters from United States Senators Judd Gregg and Bob Smith (see below).



United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Bob Smith
New Hampshire

May 14, 2002


Dear Friends,

Mary Jo and I congratulate you on the opening of the Rescue & Firefighter Training Facility located here in New Hampshire.


We commend the Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, the Department of Safety, and the Division of Fire Standards and Training whose hard work and diligence has resulted in this great facility. Five years of dedication have made this project a reality.

Many men and women who have given their lives and careers to the service of New Hampshire's citizens will now have the means and ability to train without having to travel long distance.

Again, we thank the many men and women who have put some much time and energy into this facility. It is a privilege and an honor to serve the firefighters and rescue workers of our state in the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely yours,

 Bob Smith, U.S.S.

RCS/vls



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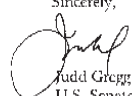
May 14, 2002

Richard M. Flynn
Commissioner
NH Department of Safety
10 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

Dear Commissioner Flynn:

I am sorry I cannot join you for the grand opening of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighter Training Facility. One of the qualities which contributes to the high quality of life we enjoy is the commitment New Hampshire's public safety officials have made to protecting the safety and security of all the citizens of our state. This new training facility is clear proof of this on-going commitment. I am happy to recognize all the accomplishments the Department of Safety and the Department of Transportation have made to this effort. I am also proud to continue to help acquire federal funds for safety initiatives like this one.

The New Hampshire Fire Academy is one of the premier fire and rescue training facilities in the country. The aircraft training center only enhances its outstanding reputation. I know the Fire Academy will continue to be a leader in protecting the people of New Hampshire and the country whether they are at home, at work or traveling through the air. Once again, please accept my thanks.

Sincerely,

 Judd Gregg
 U.S. Senator

JG/ml

NEWS from CPSC

NEW, SAFER PROPANE TANK FOR BARBECUE GRILLS HELPS TO AVOID GAS LEAKS Device Expected to Prevent Many of the 600 Fires/Explosions Each Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) wants consumers to know that as of April 1, 2002, all propane gas tanks sold to consumers for barbecue grills must have a new safety device. The over-fill prevention device will help to avoid propane leaks that can cause fires and explosions. The new standard is published by the National Fire Protection Association.

"CPSC worked with industry to develop this safety standard to help prevent deaths and injuries," said CPSC Acting Chairman Thomas Moore. "As people trade in their old propane tanks for newer ones, we will see fewer fires."

Propane gas is highly flammable. Each year, about 600 fires/explosions occur with gas grills resulting in injuries to about 30 people. The new safety standard for propane gas tanks requires that an "over-fill prevention device" be installed in new gas tanks. The new propane gas tanks have valve handles with three "lobes" (prongs) while older tanks have valve handles with five prongs. Beginning April 1, only the new propane tanks will be sold or refilled nationwide. People with older propane gas tanks will need to get the new, safer tanks when they go in for a refill. While some dealers are trading in old tanks at no cost, others may charge a fee, which could range from \$10 to \$20.

An additional industry standard (adopted in 1995 at the urging of CPSC) provided for several safety features in the gas grills, hoses, and connections. The safety standard calls for a device to limit the flow of gas if the hose ruptures; a mechanism to shut-off the grill if it overheats; and a device to prevent the flow of gas if the connection between tank and grill is not leak-proof. People who have grills that do not meet the 1995 standard should either get a new grill or be especially attentive to the safety tips below.

Here are some safety tips to reduce the risk of fire or explosion with gas grills:

- * Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- * Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease.
- * Always keep propane gas containers upright.
- * Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors.
- * Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.
- * Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.
- * Make sure your spark ignitor is consistently generating a spark to create a flame and burn the propane gas. If the flame is not visible, the heavier-than-air propane gas may be escaping and could explode.
- * Never bring the propane tank into the house.

Charcoal Grill Safety Tips

Charcoal produces carbon monoxide (CO) when it is burned. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed environments. Each year about 17 people die as a result of CO fumes from charcoal being burned inside. To reduce the risk of CO poisoning:

- * Never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers.
- * Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided.
- * Since charcoal produces CO fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.

In 1996, CPSC revised the label on charcoal packaging to more explicitly warn consumers of the deadly CO gas that is released when charcoal is burned in a closed environment. The new label reads, "WARNING...CARBON MONOXIDE HAZARD...Burning charcoal inside can kill you. It gives off carbon monoxide, which has no odor. NEVER burn charcoal inside homes, vehicles or tents." The new label also conveys the written warning visually with drawings of grills inside a home, tent, and vehicle. The drawings are enclosed in a circle with an "X" through it.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>.



NH FOREST FIRE SERVICES

News & Notes



Remember . . . Safety First . . . On Every Incident . . . Every Time!

- 1) On May 16, 2002 Donna Jenkins, our Bureau Administrative Assistant, resigned. This position will remain vacant until approximately August 1, 2002. Please bear with us if information is slow leaving our office.
- 2) All of our Fire Towers were filled as of May 7, 2002, but I was just notified that our Milan Hill tower person has found a better job in State service; he's gone to work for our Bureau of Trails. If any one knows of a person in the Milan area who is interested in a 40-hour per week position, please let us know.
- 3) We are currently at 121 fires for 61.5 acres burned. When Mother Nature finally figures out what season we're supposed to be in, who knows what will happen to fire activity. We are still in a drought for most of the State, even with the recent rain and snow.
- 4) Our Warden/Deputy Warden/Selectmen input sessions have now been completed. Attendance was fair, with an average of approximately 80 people per session. There were a lot of good questions asked, and we will compile a list of the questions and correct answers to distribute to the Wardens, Deputy Wardens and fire service in general so that we are all singing from the same sheet of music.
- 5) There will be a summer meeting of the Eastern Conference of the Forest Fire Lookout Association the weekend of July 12-14, 2002. The Conference will be based out of Fox Forest in Hillsboro with several trips to local fire towers scheduled.
- 6) The Bureau and the Division of Forests & Lands has been working on our required budget reductions. We will be discussing these changes when they become official at meetings around the State. The reductions are one of the reasons for holding off on filling the Administrative Assistant position and may delay hiring for the Milan Hill position.
- 7) We hope you have a fire safe and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,
Chief Bud Nelson
and your Forest Rangers

FIREFIGHTER ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2002

The application packets for this year's Firefighter Entrance Examination are available. Packets may be picked up at the NH Fire Academy, or will be mailed upon receipt of written requests. Written requests may be faxed to the Fire Academy at 603-271-1091 or mailed to: NH Fire Academy, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305.

The deadline to get your information in is Friday, July 19 at 4:30 p.m.

We will be running the old style physical agility test as we were not able to get the new CPAT portion up and running in time. This consists of a written examination and a physical agility test.

The testing week is Monday-Friday, September 9-13, and the examination is held at the NH Fire Academy, 222 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Concord.

All information required is in the packets; PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

Why Mentoring?

By Scott Hunter

Mentor Outreach Coordinator, New Hampshire Department of Safety

Many of you may have heard of the Department of Safety's effort to recruit volunteers for youth from its assets of fire, police and EMS personnel in departments across the State. You may have wondered why the Department has made a commitment to this project while it does not directly relate to our mission. Mentoring is the relationship between a young person and a caring adult role model. That's it! It's that simple. It's not social work, counseling or tutoring. It doesn't require any specialty degrees or licenses or knowledge of complicated theories. It only requires the willingness to spend some time with the youth in your community. The effects of mentoring on a young person are overwhelming. Out of these relationships comes reductions in substance abuse and school dropout rates. Other benefits are better grades in school and improved relationships with other adults in their lives. All of this because an adult role model took the time.

We are those adult role models. Firefighters, police and EMS are great role models. Let's face it: kids naturally look up to people in our positions, whether we are volunteer or career. It comes with the territory. From the very young to teenage years, we are regarded highly for the jobs we do. Whether we are in or out of uniform, driving a piece of apparatus or driving our lawn mower in the yard, we are looked up to by the youth in our communities. These are the attributes needed to help the kids that need it.

You know the kids that need mentors. You see them in your neighborhoods and on your main streets. They live in rural and urban areas of our State. They are first graders up to high school aged. Many of them are struggling. They not only need our help, they are waiting for and wanting our help.

So, why mentoring? There are about 13,000 of us in the State of New Hampshire; 4,000 are law enforcement and the rest are firefighters and EMS. This is a sizeable amount of role models. We are needed to help our communities in this capacity. It is simply a good match. The single most determinant factor in the success of any young person is the presence of an adult role model. There are wide ranges of ways to be involved in the lives of kids in your community. We urge you to get involved. To learn more about the Department of Safety's mentor efforts or to find out about opportunities in your community, please call the Department's Mentor Outreach Coordinator, Scott Hunter at 271-2661 or 800-371-4503, extension 223.

Fire Instructors & Officers Association of NH

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ Rank/Title: _____

Street/PO Box: _____ email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Fire Department or Organization: _____

I hereby apply for: _____ Active Membership: a) Certified NH Fire Instructor
b) Chief of Fire Standards & Training
c) Officers of recognized Fire Departments

_____ Associate Membership: Any person interested in the furtherance of Fire Service Training

_____ Student Membership: Any Fire Protection/Science student

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$10.00 due April each year, Payable to: FIOANH

I agree to take an active and interested part in the work and goals of the Fire Instructors and Officers Association of New Hampshire and will do my utmost to advance fire fighting training and education in New Hampshire and to cultivate fraternal fellowship and mutual programs of training methods between all Fire Service Organizations, both State and Local.

Application Date: _____ Signature: _____

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